

**Reecom R-1650**  
**NOAA Weather Radio**  
**EasyStart Guide for Schools**

This Reecom R-1650 Weather Radio will alert you to weather and civil emergencies in your school's local area. You will need to program your weather radio to receive information for your specific school.

This radio comes with an Owner's Manual, which should be saved along with this EasyStart Guide. If for some reason this EasyStart Guide for Schools is all you have, here are some simple steps to allow you to operate your radio.

Batteries	The Reecom R-1650 radio requires <b>FOUR (4) AA</b> size batteries, <b>for back-up power</b> when AC power fails.
General information for setup (Programming)	<p>Here is some basic information on how to navigate the controls on your radio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To access the program menu page press the <b>PROG</b> key for two seconds; you will hear a beep.</li> <li>• Scroll with the ► or ◀ key through the menu pages and select the menu page by pressing the <b>ENTER</b> key.</li> <li>• Press the <b>PROG</b> key to return to the previous menu level, and keep pressing the <b>PROG</b> key to exit the program menu page.</li> </ul>
Alert options	<p>Your Reecom R-1650 Weather Radio has three Alert Options (Modes). See the Owner's Manual for a description of each.</p> <p>If you want to control the release of information (such as an AMBER Alert) and minimize rumors among students and other visitors who may overhear broadcasts, it is suggested you set the Alert Mode to SIREN. In this mode, the Alert siren will sound for five minutes. To turn the alert off sooner, press <b>STOP</b>; the Alert tone will end and the alert description and duration will appear.</p>
Setting the date and time	<p><b>To set the date and time:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press and hold the <b>PROG</b> key for 2 seconds, until you hear a beep.</li> <li>2. Press <b>ENTER</b> to select menu page <b>P1</b> (DATE/TIME).</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Use ► or ◀ key to choose between MONTH, DAY, YEAR, HOUR and MINUTE.</li> <li>4. Use the + or – key to change the desired date item.</li> <li>5. Press <b>ENTER</b> to set.</li> <li>6. Press the <b>PROG</b> key to exit program menu.</li> </ol>
Setting your channel	<p><b>To set your channel:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press and hold <b>PROG</b> key for 2 seconds, until you hear a beep.</li> <li>2. Press the ► or ◀ key until “CHANNEL SELECT” <b>P2</b> appears. Press <b>ENTER</b>.</li> <li>3. Use ► or ◀ to choose a channel in your local area. Press <b>ENTER</b>. Usually the strongest signal.</li> <li>4. Press <b>PROG</b> to exit.</li> </ol>
Finding and setting your FIPS (SAME Geographic) code	<p>Your radio will receive all the messages sent from the NWR transmission tower, which has a range of around 30 to 40 miles. Setting your radio to the FIPS or Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) geographic code for the Specific county your school is in will eliminate messages meant for your surrounding areas.</p> <p>To find your SAME geographic code:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to the website <a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr">www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr</a>.</li> <li>2. Click on “Station Listings” on the left hand side of the page</li> <li>3. Click on “County by county coverage” in the middle of the page</li> <li>4. Click on your state</li> <li>5. Scroll down the page to find your COUNTY/CITY AREA; the SAME geographic code is the six (6) digit number in the second column.</li> </ol> <p>You can also call 1-888-697-7263 to get the SAME code numbers/s.</p> <p><b>To set your FIPS (SAME geographic code) location:</b>  Press and hold the <b>PROG</b> key until you hear a beep.</p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use the ► or ◀ key until you see “ENTER COUNTY” <b>P3</b> displayed on the screen. Press <b>ENTER</b>.</li> <li>2. Use the ► or ◀ key until “SINGLE COUNTY” flashes at the bottom of the screen. Press <b>ENTER</b>; COUNTY 01 appears.</li> <li>3. Use the + or – key until you reach the desired digit value. Press ► <u>REPEAT this step</u> until you have entered the complete six (6) digit value. Press <b>ENTER</b>.</li> <li>4. Press <b>PROG</b> to exit.</li> </ol> <p>You have now set the FIPS (SAME Geographical) LOCATION code for your school.</p>
Improving your reception	<p>Reception problems can be improved by changing the radio’s position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move the radio away from metal cabinets</li> <li>• Move the radio higher and closer to windows</li> </ul> <p>Reception can also be improved by using an external antenna available from the manufacturer and local electronic or science stores. Often a simple, flat T-shaped dipole antenna similar to the type used for stereo receivers is sufficient. For more information, see “Methods to Improve Reception on Weather Radio Broadcasts” online at <a href="http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mqt/nwr/nwrwebpg/antenna.php">http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mqt/nwr/nwrwebpg/antenna.php</a></p>
More information	<p>Detailed instructions can be found in your Owner’s Manual shipped with the radio or on the Public-Alert-Radio web site at <a href="http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/instructions.htm">http://public-alert-radio.nws.noaa.gov/instructions.htm</a></p>